

REMARKS

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner entered a number of objections to the specification. Each of these objections has been obviated by the present Amendment. The reference to claim 1 on page 3 has been deleted and replaced with a brief summary of claim 1. The first letters of "Figures" has been capitalized and the parentheses around the reference numerals has been deleted. The term "whatever" on page 7 has been replaced with the term --varied-- to improve the syntax of the application. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of objection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action claims 2-7 were objected to because of a number of informalities. Each of these informalities has been obviated by the present Amendment. A proper antecedent basis is now present for each of the claim terms and the redundant terms have been deleted from the claims. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of objection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rebeaud.

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 5 have been combined by this Amendment. The Rebeaud describes a system for positioning sheet elements which uses grippers 22 which are joined to a strip 21 which is connected to a telescopic lever 33, 34, 35 and to lever 31 which is connected to a disc 30. The disc 30 permits the rotation of the lever 31 and permits the rotation of the grippers 22. In this manner, the grippers 22 can block the paper on the table with a movement that is not orthogonal to the tray and the paper.

The Rebeaud grippers 22 can cause misalignment

of the paper with respect to the longitudinal direction during the blocking of the paper on the tray. In addition, the grippers 22 need to be adjusted to handle papers having different thickness. The claims of the present application, as amended, point out that the claimed supply system for a silk-screening machine has a longitudinal registration means 60 and a transverse registering means (40) which includes a support shaft (30) suitable for supporting the locking means (50) and fixed to the supply table (20) which carries supports (31) which are fixed to the shaft (30). This arrangement is not disclosed by Rebeaud and for this reason, Rebeaud fails to anticipate the amended claims of the present application. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground rejection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rebeaud in view of Bean.

Reconsideration is requested.

The Rebeaud patent has been distinguished from the amended claims *supra*. The Bean patent is concerned with an offset stacker and this patent does not disclose the use of pressure elements to block paper on a tray. The jogger arms 62 of the Bean patent include flat faces which act as paper stop means when jogger arms 62 have been rotated by extension of the jogger cylinder 68. The jogger cylinder 68 is positioned under the tray and not over the tray as are the longitudinal and transverse registering means. In the absence of any teaching that would motivate a skilled artisan to combine these references, it is submitted that the combination of these references is improper. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted



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